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PREGNANCY AND THE KIDNEY

" Children of women with renal disease used to be born dangerously or not at all not at all if their doctors had their way...

"Nature takes a helping hand by blunting fertility as renal function falls"

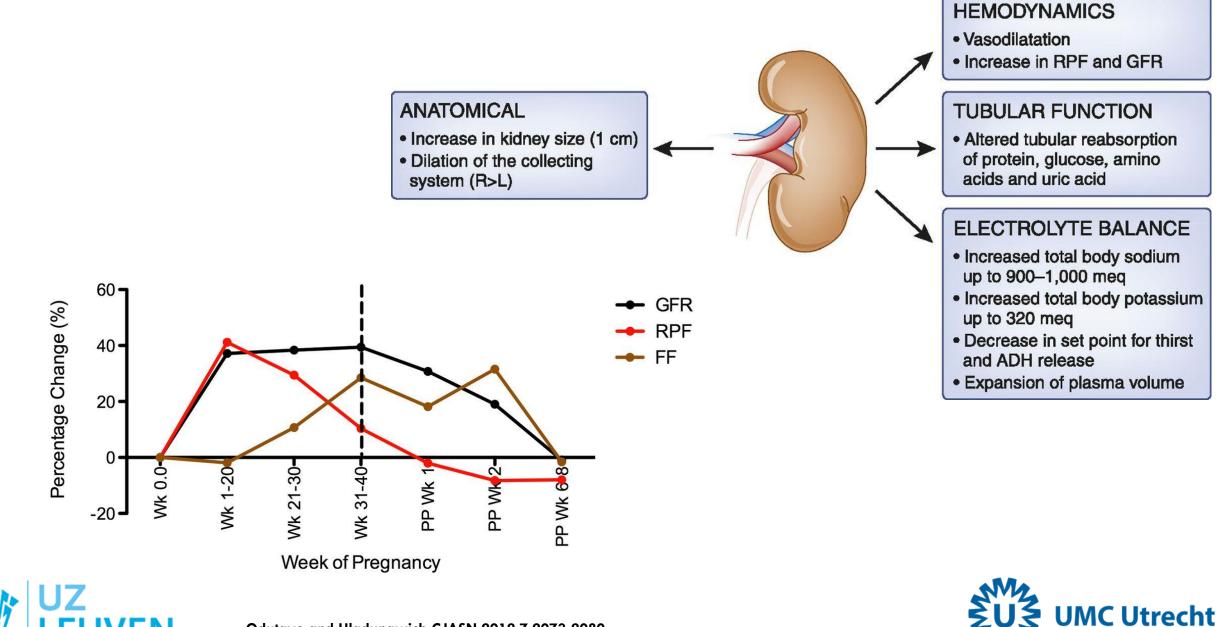
Lancet, 1975,801-802

OUTLINE

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GLOMERULAR

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Blood pressure:

145/85 mm Hg office blood pressure

How are we going to counsel?

PERSPECTIVES ON PREGNANCY IN WOMEN WITH CKD

Systemic review of qualitative studies:

(15 studies, n= 257)

• 7 Major themes:

- Pursuing motherhood
- Failure to fulfill social norms
- Fear of birth defects (ie IS) and transmitting genetic disease
- Decisional insecurity and conflict
 - Fear of graft loss
 - Future??
- Witholding emotional investments
- Control and determination
- Exacerbating disease

GENERAL RULES - COUNSELLING: PATIENT TAILORED

TABLE IWOMEN WITH RENAL DISEASE WHO SHOULD BEREFERRED FOR PRE-PREGNANCY COUNSELING

- Women with CKD stage 1-2 and adverse risk factors:
 - Significant proteinuria
 - > Hypertension
 - Systemic diseases such as lupus or vasculitis
 - Previous adverse obstetric history
- Women with CKD stage 3 to 5 including women on dialysis
- Women with renal transplants
- Women with a family history of hereditary renal disease

CKD = chronic kidney disease.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH



MOST COMMON UNDERLYING DISEASE - TIMING

SLE

Minimal changes/focal sclerosis

IgA nephropathy

Membranous

Vasculitis

Diabetic nephropathy T1 and T2

CAKUT

Hereditary nephropathy (Alport/ADPKD)

Specific risks eg Alport: nephrotic syndrome

Timing of conception

- Diabetes: adequately controlled blood pressure and glucose
- Lupus nephritis: 6 m quiescent disease
- GN: stabilizing disease activity mm Hg)
- Blood pressure well controlled and switch to non teratogenic treatment (<140/90 mmHg) (target in pregnancy: 135/85 mm Hg)

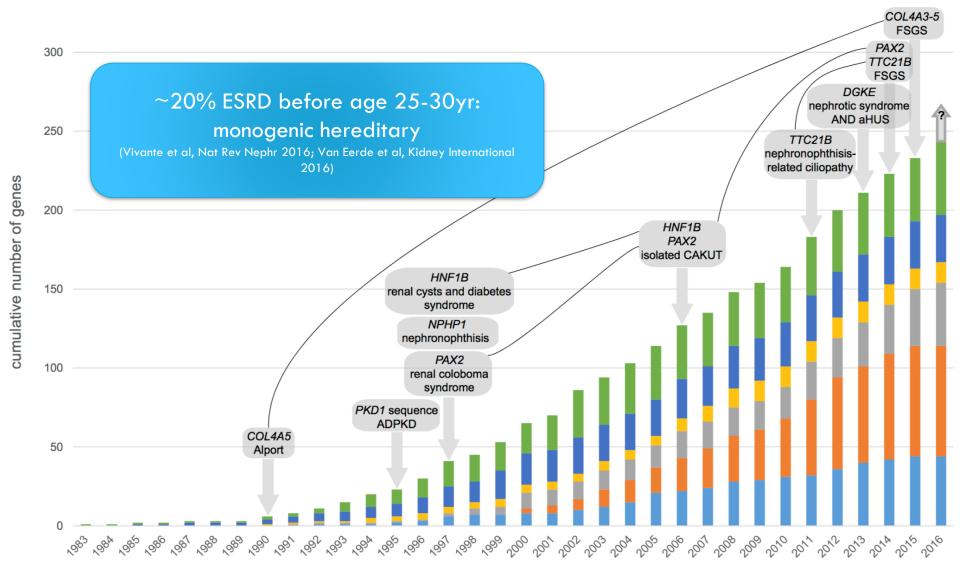
GENETIC COUNSELLING

-25% of patients with CKD \rightarrow family history

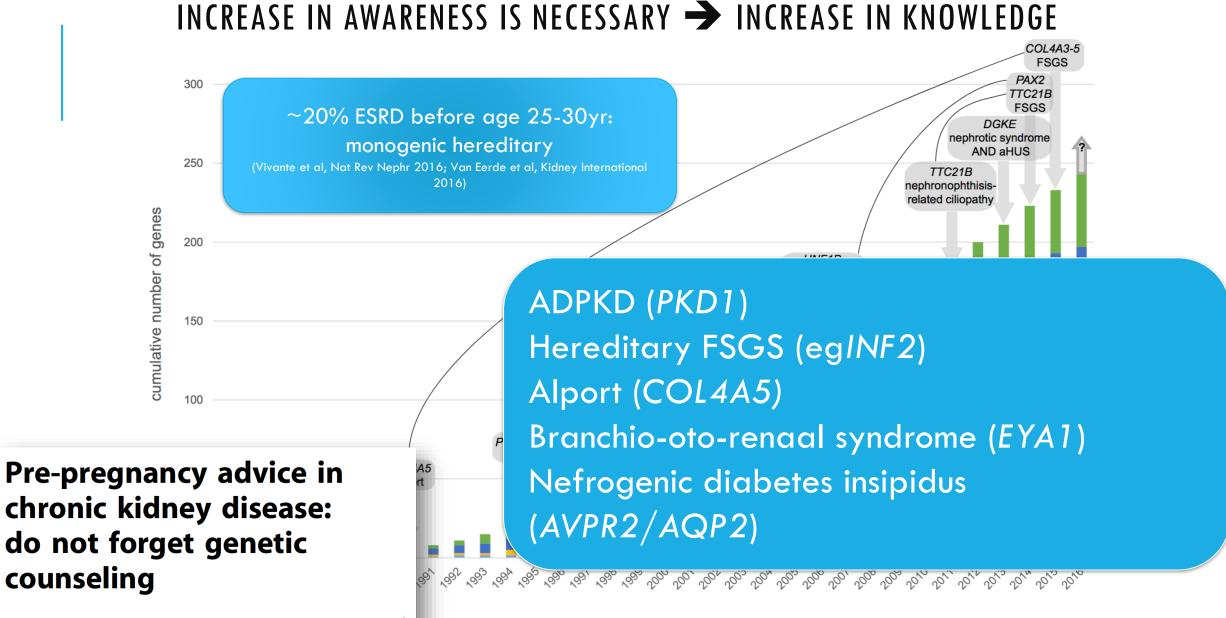
10%-20% of patients with CKD \rightarrow mendelian causes

10% of patients with CKD \rightarrow "others" or "unknown"

INCREASE IN AWARENESS IS NECESSARY → INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE



Van Eerde et al, Kidney International 2016



To the Editor: We applaud Hladunewich *et al.*¹

6 OPTIONS FOR COUPLES CONFRONTED WITH AN INCREASED RISK OF A CHILD WITH A GENETIC DISEASE

conceive naturally, no tests

conceive naturally, prenatal diagnostic test, potentially followed by termination

sperm or oocyte donation

adoption

have no children

preimplantation genetic testing (PGT) / "embryoselection"

identifying un-affected embryos

• ex vivo / before implantation

prevent genetic disease in following generations

without termination of pregnancy

depends on:

- disease severity
- patient preference
- local availability

PREIMPLANTATION GENETIC TESTING PROCEDURE

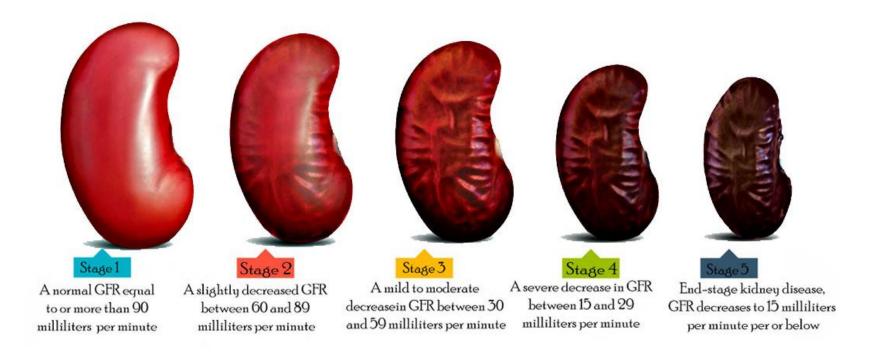
- 1. preparation time
- 2. hormone treatment, IVF / ICSI
- 3. embryo biopsy
- 4. genetic testing of 1 cell
- 5. embryo transfer

invasive time consuming success rate

Also genetic counselling for non mendelian causes eg CAKUT



IMPACT CKD ON PREGNANCY ?





IMPACT CKD ON PREGNANCY

Maternal risk:

- hypertensive disorder of pregnancy (now onset or worsening; persistence after delivery)
- Mode of delivery: C-section and induction rate increase

Child risk:

- prematurity (with its sequelae)
- dysmaturity
- inheritance of maternal disease, malformations
- side effects of maternal drug therapy

	CKD Stage					
Characteristic	1 (<i>n</i> =370)	2 (n=87)	3 (n=37)	4–5 (<i>n</i> =10)	across Stages	
Baseline data						
Maternal age (yr)	31.3±5.5	33.8±4.5	33.5±4.1	32.3±5.2	< 0.001	
Parity (% nulliparous)	54.6	57.5	64.9	70.0	0.50	
Referral week	15.0 (4–39)	11.0 (4–38)	8.0 (5-33)	8.0 (4-28)	< 0.001	
Systemic disease (%)	11.6 (43/370)	35.6 (31/87)	43.2 (16/37)	40.0 (4/10)	< 0.001	
Hypertension (%)	21.6 (80/370)	41.4 (36/87)	54.1 (20/37)	20.0% (2/10)	< 0.001	
Proteinuria (g/d)						
Baseline	0.12 (0-14.6)	0.15 (0-6.8)	0.50 (0-2.8)	0.63 (0.10-3.44)	< 0.001	
<0.3	78.4 (286/370)	65.1 (56/86)	33.3 (12/36)	22.2 (2/9)		
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Maternal-fetal outcomes						
Cesarean sections	48.4	70.1	78.4	70.0	< 0.001	
Gestational week	37.6±2.6	35.7±3.2	34.4±2.4	32.6±4.2	< 0.001	
Preterm delivery (<37 wk)	23.5	50.6	78.4	88.9	< 0.001	
Early preterm (<34 wk)	7.3	20.7	37.8	44.4	< 0.001	
Birth weight (g)	2966.5±659	2484±707	2226.3±582	1639±870	< 0.001	
SGA score (Parazzini)						
<10%	13.3	17.9	18.9	50.0	0.02	
<5%	5.1	6.0	5.4	25.0	0.12	
Need for NICU	10.3	27.6	44.4	70.0	< 0.001	
General combined outcome	34.1	63.2	83.8	90.0	< 0.001	
Severe combined outcome	21.4	44.8	59.5	80.0	< 0.001	
New-onset hypertension (%)	7.9 (23/290)	17.6 (9/51)	47.1 (8/17)	50.0 (4/8)	< 0.001	
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Picollo, J Am Soc Nephrol 26: 2011–2022, 2015

IMPACT CKD ON PREGNANCY

Main maternal- fetal outcomes across the CKD stages: The TOCOS cohort

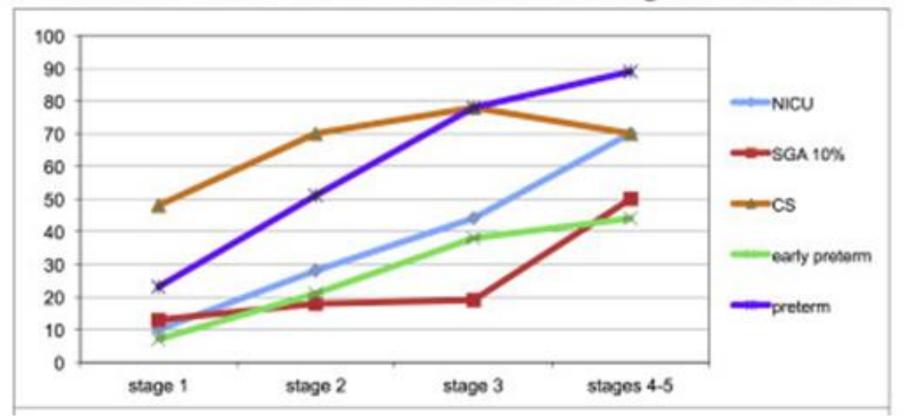
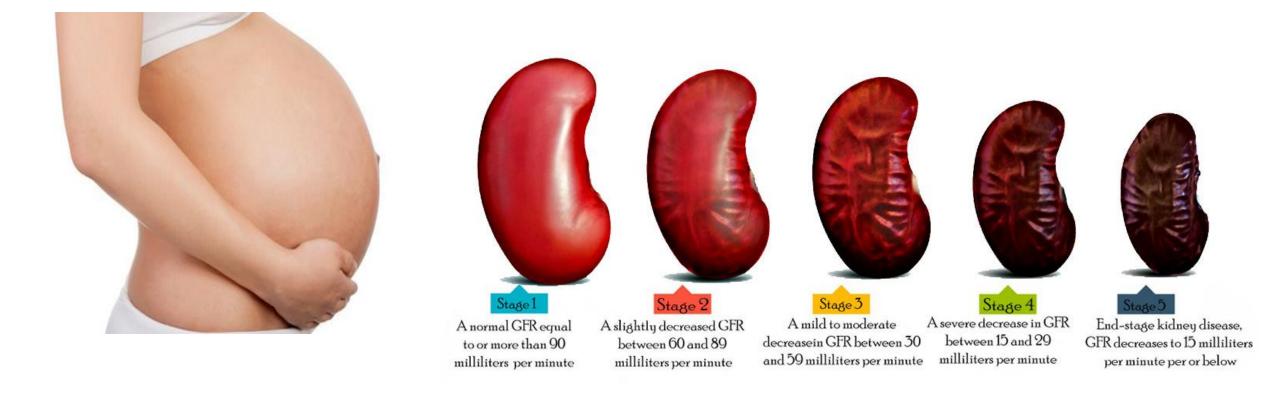


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Piccoli GB; Best Practice & amp; Research Clinical Obstetrics & amp; Gynaecology, 2015

IMPACT PREGNANCY ON CKD ?



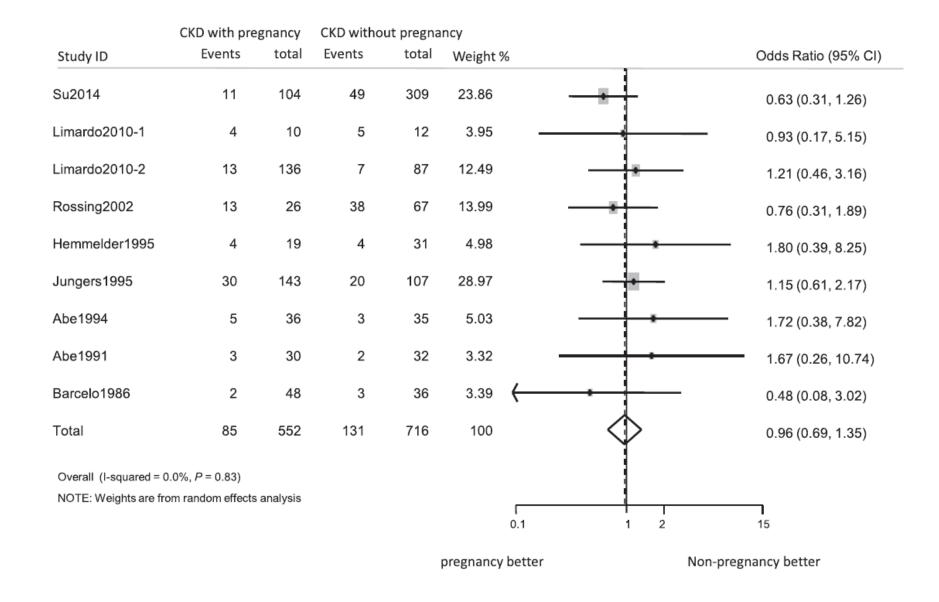


Figure 5. | **Overall odds ratios of the association of pregnancy and renal events** (including doubling of serum creatinine levels, 50% decrement of eGFR/CCr, and ESRD). 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; CCr, creatinine clearance rate.

PREGNANT VERSUS NON PREGNANT

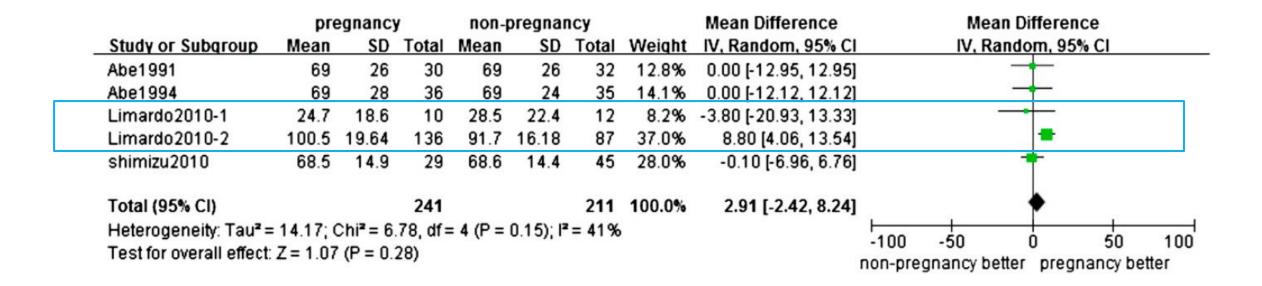


Figure 7. | **Outcome of eGFR/CCr in women with CKD after pregnancy compared with non-pregnancy.** 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; CCr, creatinine clearance rate. IV, method of analysis was inverse variance.

Table 1. Prepregnancy kidney function in patients with CKD with estimates of problems in pregnancy (fetal growth restriction, preeclampsia, preterm delivery, and significant kidney function loss in pregnancy [>25% SCr increment]), obstetric outcome, and loss of kidney function: The effect of altering cut-off between moderate and severe dysfunction from 2.8 mg/dl (\geq 250 μ mol/L) to 2.0 mg/dl (\geq 180 μ mol/L), respectively

Renal Status (Dysfunction)	SCr, mg/dl	Problems in Pregnancy, %	Successful Obstetric Outcome, %	Compared with Prepregnancy, a Permanent PP Loss of Kidney Function (>25% Increment in SCr), %	ESRD within 1 yr PP, %
Mild	\leq 1.4 (\leq 125 μ mol/L)	26	96	<2	
Moderate	\geq 1.4 (\geq 125 μ mol/L)	50	90	25	3
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Estimates are on the basis of a 26-year literature review (1984–2010) of pregnancies that attained \geq 24-weeks gestation. The aim is to provide at a glance information to facilitate prepregnancy counseling and management, while not belittling the much more detailed coverage and analyses (with their own inherent weaknesses too) in the publications used and others quoted in this article. PP, postpartum; ESRD, end stage renal disease; Table supplemented and modified from refs 13 and 16

Davison ,1985

	Ν	SCr mg/dL	Loss of kidney function
Jones, NEJM,	59	1.4-2.4 (125-220 µmol/L)	43% / 10% (> 25% loss/ESRD by 6m postpartum)
1996	15	≥ 2.4 (220 µmol/L)	
Piccoli, JASN,	37	CKD st 3	16,2% (CKD stage shift or RRT start)
2015	10	CKD st 4-5	20% (CKD stage shift or RRT start)
lmbasciati, AJKD, 2007	22 27	eGFR 40-60 (mean 50 +/- 3) eGFR < 40 (mean 25.7 +/- 8)	30% (ESRD) and 10% (> 50% GFR loss) (FU 37mnd). RF: eGFR<40 & > 1 g proteinuria

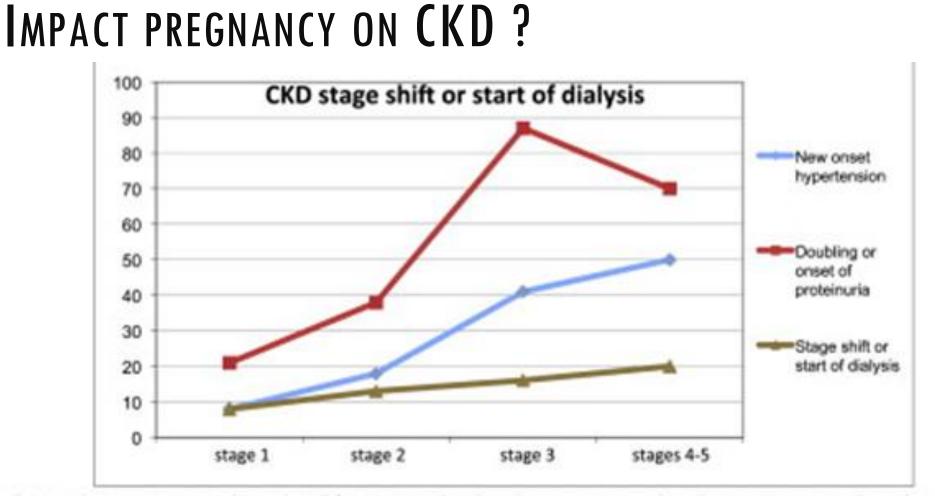


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GENERAL RULES: CKD STAGES 1 AND 2

Risk of pre-eclampsia (10%-20%)(5% normal)

Risk of preterm delivery (11%-40%)

Low birth weight (5-26%)

Risk increases with presence of:

Proteinuria:

- Nephrotic-range proteinuria: LMWH
- Hypertension:
 - Dd preeclampsia: difficult
 - FU of foetal growth to guide decision about delivery

GENERAL RULES: CKD STAGES 3 AND 4

Fetal loss is greater

Preeclampsia: 40%-60%

Prematurity: 39%-64%

No creatinine reduction in the first trimester: suggestive of future complications

Predictors: <40 ml/min/1.73 m² and proteinuria >1 g/24h

Reduction in fertility

PREGNANCY AND DIALYSIS

Pregnancy on dialysis is rare

Fertility loss

42% menstruation (59% irregular (anovulatory)) → late diagnosis

Sexual dysfunction

 Anemia, depression, fatigue, side effects of antihypertensive treatment, change in body perception

Peritoneal dialysis: lower rate

- Peritonitis
- Lower implantation rate

BUN IS FOETOTOXIC

Fetal mortality related to serum levels of urea.

Intra-amniotic injection of urea \rightarrow therapeutic abortion

No successfull pregnancy if urea level >21,4 mmol/l (128 mg/dl)

TORONTO (N=22) VERSUS USA (N=70) 2000-2013 - 1990-2011

Table 2. Cohort-specific pregnancy outcomes

Pregnancy Outcomes	Toronto PreKid Cohort	United States ARPD Cohort	P Value
Live birth rate (entire cohort)	19 (86.4)	43 (61.4)	0.03
Spontaneous abortion, first trimester	1 (4.5)	5 (7.1)	
Spontaneous abortion, second trimester	0 (0)	14 (20.0)	
Neonatal death	1 (4.5)	5 (7.1)	
Still birth	1 (4.5)	3 (4.3)	
Live birth rate (ESRD patients only)	15 (83.3)	30 (52.6)	0.02
Among patients with established ESRD			
Dialysis time (h/wk)	43±6	17±5	< 0.001
Gestational age (wk)	36 (32–37)	27 (21–35)	0.002
Among patients with renal failure during pregnancy			
Dialysis time (h/wk)	33±6	15±4	< 0.001
Gestational age (wk)	34 (29–37)	33 (31–37)	NS
All pregnancies (except first- and second-trimester spontaneous abortions			
Dialysis time (h/wk)	42±7	17±5	< 0.001
Birth weight (g)	2118±857	1748±949	NS
Among surviving infants in established ESRD patients			
Normal birth weight	8 (50.0)	10 (32.3)	NS
Low birth weight (<2500 g)	7 (43.8)	12 (38.7)	
Very low birth weight (<1500 g)	1 (6.3)	9 (29.0)	

Values are presented as n (%), mean±SD, or median (interquartile range). Values for gestational age are rounded to the nearest week.

TORONTO VS USA

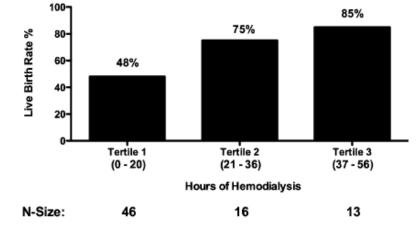
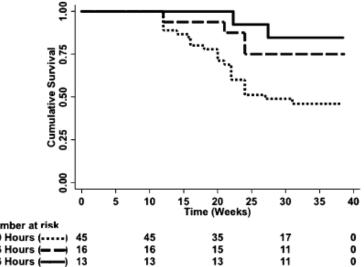


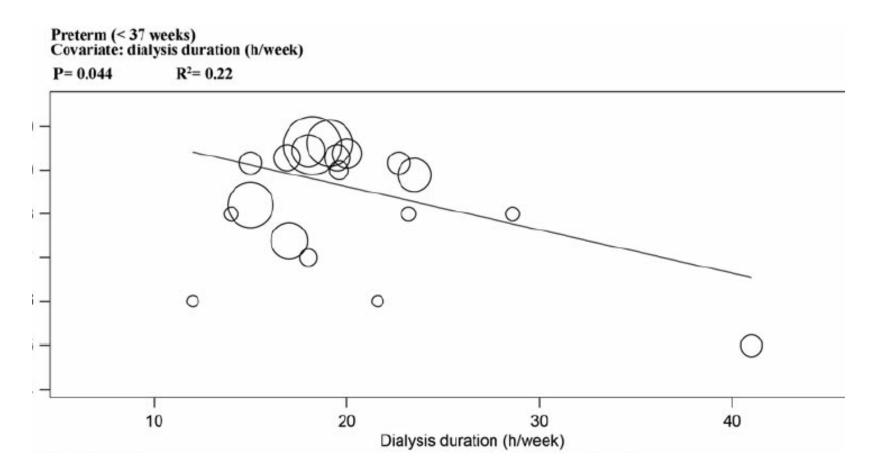
Figure 1. Live birth rates by dialysis intensity. In women with established ESRD, there is a significant dose-response relationship between hemodialysis intensity and the live birth rate (P=0.02), improving from 48% in women receiving \leq 20 hours to 75% in women receiving between 21 and 36 hours to 85% in women receiving \geq 37 hours of hemodialysis weekly.

Figure 2. Time-to-event analysis by dialysis intensity. In women with established ESRD, there is a significant pregnancy survival advantage among women with high delivered doses of dialysis (log-rank test; P=0.01).

0.0 15 20 25 0 5 10 30 35 40 Time (Weeks) Number at risk 45 17 0-20 Hours (-----) 45 35 0 21-36 Hours (- - 16 16 15 11 0 13 13 11 37-56 Hours (-----) 13 0



HOURS OF DIALYSIS AND PRETERM BIRTH



Picollo et al, NDT 2015

Maternal Management	Fetal Surveillance
Preconception and first trimester	
 Medication review to stop and replace teratogenic medications (<i>e.g.</i>, ACEIs, ARBs, and statins) Double doses of water-soluble vitamins with increased folic acid supplementation (5 mg/d) Daily protein intake of 1.5–1.8 g/kg per day Low-dose aspirin for preeclampsia prevention may be 	Cautious interpretation of first trimester screen to exclude Down syndrome (increased β -hCG and PAPP-A) False-positive screens should be confirmed by careful US measurement of nuchal translucency, amniocentesis, of the Harmony Test (cellfree DNA in maternal blood)
appropriate in some women but is of unclear benefit Intensification of HD dose to ≥36 h/wk in women without residual renal function; women with residual renal function can have dialysis dose tailored to metabolic parameters	
Increase dialysate bath potassium concentration (3 mEq/L)	
Increase dialysate bath calcium concentration (1.5 mmol/L or 6 mg/dl)	
Liberalize dietary phosphate, with possible dialysate bath sodium phosphate supplementation	
Increase the dose of ESAs to approximate the physiologic anemia of pregnancy (10–11 g/L)	
Use of weekly maintenance or bolus therapy of iv iron therapy to maintain normal iron saturation	
Heparin to maintain circuit patency	
Second and third trimesters, including delivery	
Frequent volume assessments to avoid hypotension and manage ultrafiltration	Maternal serum screen (AFP, inhibin A, total hCG, and unconjugated estriol) between 15 and 18 wk
Target BP <140/90 mmHg postdialysis Preeclampsia surveillance after 20 wk (consider admission	Level 2 US to measure cervical length and assess for anomalies at 18–20 wk
for fetal/maternal monitoring for sudden increases of BP, etc.)	Placental US with Doppler assessment at 22 wk
Weekly platelets and liver function tests to assess for preeclampsia from 26 wk until delivery	Weekly US and BPP from 26 wk until delivery Planned induction after 37 wk where appropriate
Postpartum care	
Medication review to ensure that all medications are compatible with breastfeeding	Neonatal assessment and care Preservative-free heparin to avoid neonatal toxicity by
Avoid volume depletion to facilitate breastfeeding Maternal emotional support	benzyl alcohol

Table 6. Management of pregnant women on intensive hemodialysis

ACEL, angiotensin–converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin II receptor antagonist; β -hCG, β -human chorionic gonadotropin; PAPP-A, pregnancy–associated plasma protein-A; US, ultrasound; HD, hemodialysis; AFP, α -fetoprotein; hCG, human chorionic gonadotropin; BPP, biophysical profile.

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TRANSPLANTATION

Risk of renal transplant on pregnancy and risk of pregnancy on graft survival

(Immunosuppressive therapy)

Antihypertensive therapy (as in non-transplant CKD)

Hereditary risk (CKD)

Stable transplant function

2 y after transplantation (guidelines differ)

6 m after stop of cellcept (stable graft function)(minimum 6 w)

WILL MY BABY BE BORN EARLY OR SMALL?

	UKOSS 2013 (n=104)	UK TPR (n=193)	PARTOUT NETWORK (n = 279)
Mean gestation	36 weeks	36 weeks	37 weeks
Birth Weight	2.5 kg	2.5 kg	2.5 kg
Prematurity (< 37 weeks)	52%	55%	47%
Low birth weight (< 2.5 kg)	48%	54%	43%
Very low birth weight (< 1.5 kg)	9%		14%
Intra-uterine growth restriction	24%	25%	18%

WILL PREGNANCY INFLUENCE GRAFT LOSS?

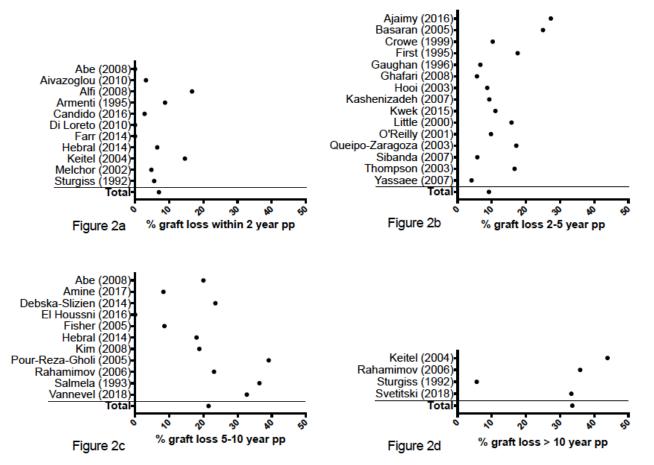


Figure 2a-d: Pooled incidence of post-pregnancy graft loss

2A. Graft loss within two year post-pregnancy: 7.0%, n=384 (range 10-137), total graft loss n=27 (range 0-12)
2B. Graft loss two to five years post-pregnancy: 9.2%, n=600 (range 8-139), total graft loss n=55 (range 1-8)
2C. Graft loss five to ten years post-pregnancy: 21.5%, n=410 (range 12-81), total graft loss n=88 (range 0-18)
2D. Graft loss more than ten year post-pregnancy: 33.6%, n=116 (range 18-41), total graft loss n=39 (range 1-18)

GRAFT SURVIVAL — CASE CONTROL

	N		Reference point	Matched for	Median FU time (months) after pregnancy	Graft Loss (୨	6)	Р
	Index	Control				Index	Control	
First (1995) USA	18	26 f 23 m	TCI	1,2,4,6,7	82.8 (43.2 – 164.4)	16,7	15,4 8,7	NS
Sturgiss (1995) UK	18	18	NR	5, 6	144 (48-276)	5,6	11,1	NS
Fischer (2005) Germany	81	81	TDI	1 - 4, 9,13	91.3 ± 5	8,6	4,9	NS
Pour-Reza Gholi (2005) Iran	60	60	NR	1, 2, 9	100.8 ± 48.5	39,1	28,3	NS
Rahamimov (2006) Israel	39	117	TCI	1, 2, 6-12	168 (72-264)	35,9	31,6	NS
Kashanizadeh (2007) Iran	86	125	NR	1,6,7,9,11	45 ± 22	9,3	7,2	NS
Kim (2008) Korea	48	187	NR	1,2,9	114 (44.4 – 184.8)	18,8	21,4	0,688
Stoumpos (2016) UK	89	83	ТСІ	1,4,5	98.8 (45.6 – 202.8) [§]	15,7	NR?	NS

§ IQR, N number of participants, FU follow-up, KT kidney transplantation, ESRD (End-Stage-Renal-Disease), IS medicine Immunosuppressive Medicine, HLA MM (Human Leucocyte Antigen Mismatch), PRA (Panel Reactive Antibody), NR (not reported), TDI Transplant to delivery interval, TCI Transplant to conception interval.

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2. 9. Immunosuppressive medication, 10. Donor Age, 11. HLA Mismatch/Panel reactive antibody%, 12. Number of KT, 13. Diabetes Mellitus

WILL MY RENAL FUNCTION DETERIORATE AFTER PREGNANCY?

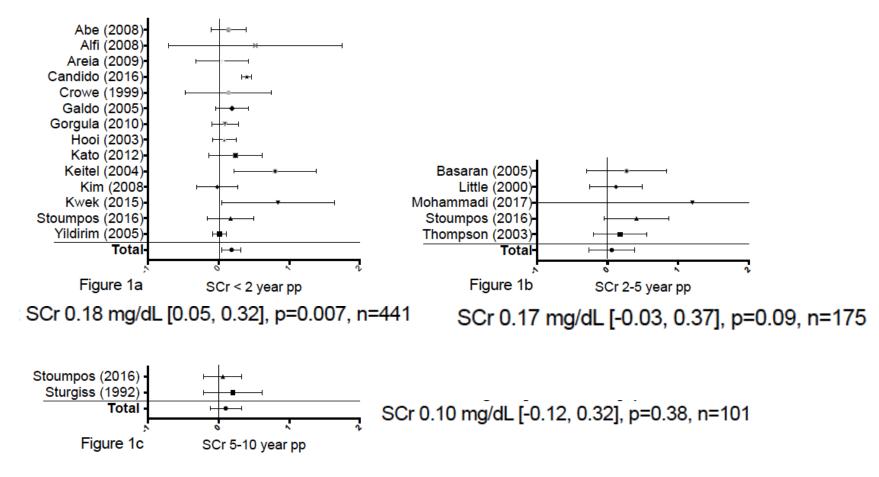
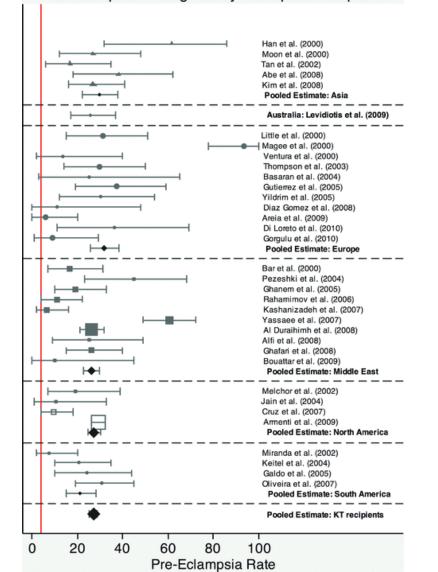


Figure 1a-c. Pooled difference (mean difference [95% CI] in pre-pregnancy SCr and post-pregnancy SCR (delta SCr pre- and post-pregnancy).

PREECLAMPSIA RISK IN RENAL TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

Pre-Eclampsia Among Kidney Transplant Recipients



Deshpande, Am J Transplant. 2011 Nov;11(11):2388-404

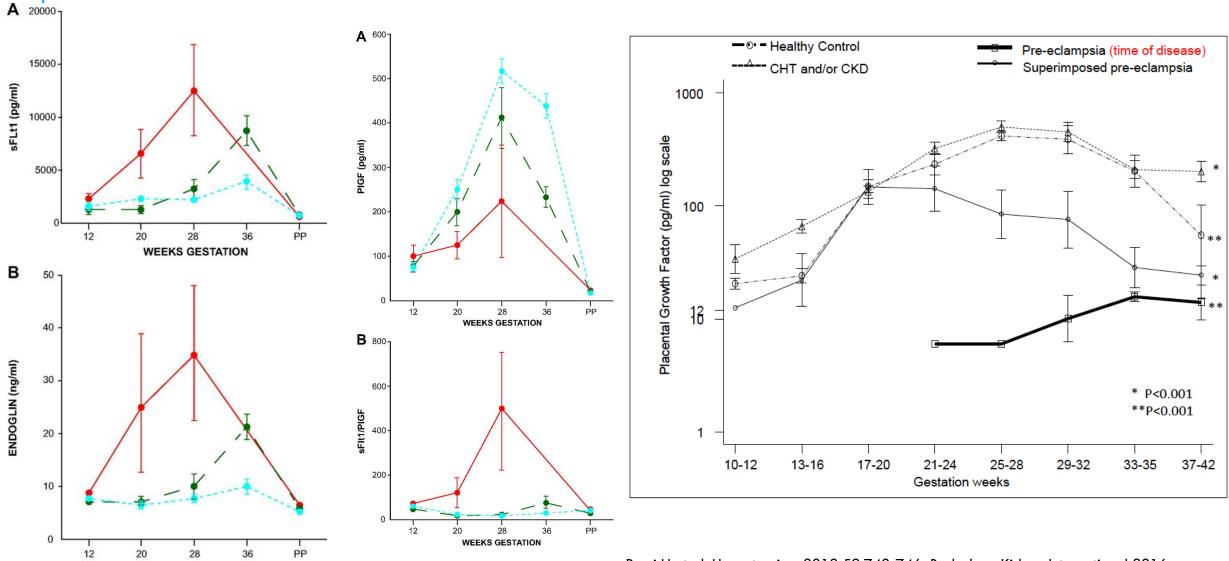
ASPIRIN 75-80 MG FOR ALL (8-36 WEEKS)

Risk level		
High risk	History of preeclampsia, especially when accompanied by an adverse outcome Multifetal gestation Chronic hypertension Type 1 or 2 diabetes Renal disease Autoimmune disease (systemic lupus erythematous, antiphospholipid syndrome)	Recommend low-dose aspirin if ≥ 1 risk factors
Moderate risk	Nulliparity Obesity (body mass index >30 kg/m ²) Family history of preeclampsia (mother or sister) Sociodemographic characteristics (African American race, low socioeconomic status) Age ≥35 years Personal history factors (e.g., low birthweight or small for gestational age, previous adverse pregnancy outcome, >10- year pregnancy interval)	Consider low-dose aspirin if the patient has several of these moderate-risk factors
Low risk	Previous uncomplicated full-term delivery	Do not recommend low-dose aspirin

Low-Dose Aspirin Use for the Prevention of Morbidity and Mortality From Preeclampsia, U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement Release Date: September 9, 2014

ANGIOGENIC FACTORS

WEEKS GESTATION



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MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH





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